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SUBJECT : OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL OBLIGATIONS OWED TO US FIRMS

REFERENCE : BORN/BLAKEMORE LETTER, SEPTEMBER 27, 1974

1. EMBOFF MET JUNE 20 WITH NURUL ISLAM, SECRETARY, FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO RESOLVE PRE-LIBERATION COMMERCIAL DEBT ISSUE. ISLAM SAID BDG AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO RELEASE FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR THE THREE COMMERCIAL DEBTS OWED TO US FIRMS BUT IN EACH CASE THE BANGLAEE FIRM MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEBT AND PAY THE LOCAL CURRENCY EQUIVALENT.

2. ISLAM THEN REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE THREE DEBTS:

A) STARBOARD SHIPPING (US) CLAIM AGAINST BIRDS BANGLADESH. BANGALEE FIRM ACKNOWLEDGES LIABILITY AND IS PREPARED TO SETTLE;

B) JOHN WILEY AND SONS (US) CLAIM AGAINST PROVINCIAL BOOKS. BANGALEE FIRM ACKNOWLEDGES LIABILITY BUT CLAIMS IT IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH WILEY TO PROVIDE LOCAL SERVICES IN LIEU OF PAYMENT;

C) BUCKEYE STEAMSHIP CO. CLAIM AGAINST HEGGE  
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AND COMPANY. PREVIOUS OWNERS OF FIRM WERE

PAKISTANIS AND HAVE DEPARTED. PRESENT OWNERS  
CLAIM NO LIABILITY SINCE BENEFITS ACCRUED  
TO DEPARTED PAKISTANIS. COMMERCE SECRETARY  
SAID BDG WOULD PRESSURE HEGGE AND CO. FOR  
PAYMENT BUT THAT HE WOULD LIKE MORE DETAILS  
OF BUCKEYE'S CLAIM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED.

A) NOTIFY STARBOARD SHIPPING OF BDG DECISION SO  
THAT THEY MAY PRESS BIRDS BANGLADESH FOR  
PAYMENT;

B) CONFIRM WITH JOHN WILEY AND SONS INFORMATION  
IN PARA 2(B);

C) ASK BUCKEYE STEAMSHIP CO. TO PROVIDE US WITH  
ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION. WE REALIZE BUCKEYE  
HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION IN PAST BUT WE WOULD  
LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMERCE SECRETARY WITH AS  
COMPLETE A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF BUCKEYE'S  
CLAIM AND WE ARE NOT SURE THAT OUR FILES  
CONTAIN ALL PERTINENT INFO.  
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